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II.—*Positions in Ceylon.* Communicated by R. TEMPLETON, Esq.,  
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	North Lat. ° ' "	East Long. ° ' "	
Colombo . . .	6 56 6	79 53 46	The latitude is the mean of 348 altitudes, taken at Mr. Templeton's house, and reduced to the Flag Staff. The longitude is derived from that of Madras,* and other well fixed positions on the Coast, from runs of the <i>Melville</i> , <i>Curaçao</i> , <i>Benares</i> , and <i>Royal Tiger</i> . It is certainly very nearly exact.
Negombo . . .	7 12 0	79 53 10	Approximate.
Chilaw . . .	7 36 0	79 51	<i>Idem.</i>
Calpentyne . . .	8 14 50	79 51 30	<i>Idem.</i>
Mutual Point . .	8 18 53	79 49 30	The extreme north point at the Entrance to Dutch Bay. Mr. Quintom, I. N.
Putlam . . .	8 3 0	79 57 30	Mr. Quintom.
Kardremalle Point	8 32 27	79 55	The Fort Lodge (Old Ruins). Mr. Quintom.
Arippe . . .	8 47 56	79 58	Northern extremity, sandy point. Lt. Powell.
Carrative . . .	8 30 41	79 51 28	Western South Entrance. Lt. Powell.
Manaar Channel .	—	79 56 33	South-east end of the Fort. Lt. Powell.
Manaar . . .	8 58 42	79 57 34	Northern point. Sandy point West of Pesali, Mr. Quintom.
Paumban . . .	9 17 5	79 16 30	The Flag Staff. Lt. Powell.
Ramisseram . .	9 18 7	79 20 56	The Great Pagoda. Deduced from the Trigonometrical Survey of India.
Delft . . .	9 32 0	79 45 42	The Old Dutch House. Lt. Powell.
Jaffna . . .	9 39 50	80 5 0	Approximate.
Amsterdam Isd .	9 43 50	79 52 9	N.W. point. Longitude derived from that of Trincomalee. Mr. Higgs, Master-Attendant at dockyard, Trincomalee.
Point Calymere .	10 18 30	79 53 5	Lt. Powell.
Tondemanar . .	9 48 6	80 12 39	Searcher's House. Eastern side of the Inlet. Latitude measured from Point Pedro. Longitude from that of Trincomalee. Mr. Higgs.
Point Palmyra .	9 48 52	80 15 58	Northern Point of Ceylon. Measured from Point Pedro. Mr. Higgs.
Point Pedro . .	9 48 44	80 17 58	Latitude observed. Longitude from that of Trincomalee. Mr. Higgs.
Moelativee House .	9 14 4	80 52 20	By bearing and estimated distance from the shoal. Mr. Higgs.
Moelativee Shoal .	9 14 50	80 54 44	Eastern edge. Latitude observed. Longitude from Trincomalee. Mr. Higgs.
Trincomalee . .	8 35 38	81 17 52	Fort Frederick Flag Staff. Mr. Higgs.
	8 33 31	81 16 36	Dock-yard flag-staff, Mr. Higgs. Latitude 8° 33' 26" Lieut. Powell. The longitude may be considered nearly exact; the latitude is derived from the mean of very consistent observations.
Foul Point. . .	8 32 22	81 22 18	By measurement. Mr. Higgs.
Veuloos Bay . .	8 0 0	81 38 0	Approximate.
Friar's Hood . .	7 28 0	81 43 0	<i>Idem.</i>

\* Longitude of Madras—Observatory 80° 14'

Fort Fl. St. 80 16' 2"

} Lieut. Raper.

It is supposed that one of these is the longitude from which the others are measured, but we cannot say which.—Ed.

	North Lat.	East Long.	
	° ' "	° ' "	
Komene Aar . . .	6 31 10	81 48 35	The Entrance to Kombochan River.
Little Basses . . .	6 25 40	81 51 19	Centre of the Group. Derived from the survey made in 1826 by H.M.S. <i>Tamar</i> .
Little Point . . .	6 28 40	81 47 20	The nearest point of land to the Little Basses.
Elephant Rock . . .	6 23 48	81 31 45	A conspicuous object a little inland.
Great Basses . . .	6 12 0	81 32 19	Longitude given by Mr. Higgs, being 15' 43" E. of Trincomalee dockyard.
Amedowe Point . . .	6 17 10	81 28 20	The nearest land to the Great Basses.
Batticaloa . . .	7 40 47	81 45 6	Fort. Latitude reduced from the observed latitude of the harbour mouth. The longitude from that of Trincomalee. Mr. Higgs.
	7 43 32	81 44 49	Harbour mouth. Lat. observed. Mr. Higgs.
Hambantotte . . .	6 6 58	81 10 42	Mr. Twynam, Master-Attendant at Point de Galle. The longitude being altered to suit the amended longitude of Galle.
Calamatra Bay . . .	6 4 7	80 59 0	<i>Idem</i> .
Mahawelle Bay . . .	5 59 30	80 48 17	<i>Id.</i>
Tangalle . . .	6 1 16	80 50 46	<i>Id.</i>
Nillewelle Bay . . .	5 57 37	80 46 19	<i>Id.</i>
Gandore . . .	5 55 42	80 40 28	<i>Id.</i>
Dondra Head . . .	5 55 15	80 38 48	<i>Id.</i>
Matura . . .	5 56 26	80 36 5	<i>Id.</i>
Belligam Bay . . .	5 57 30	80 29 18	<i>Id.</i>
Dodandowe Bay . . .	6 6 47	80 10 22	<i>Id.</i>
Galle . . .	6 1 26	80 15 58	The longitude is a mean from numerous runs of vessels, including those of the <i>Benares</i> and <i>Royal Tiger</i> . It is unquestionably very exact.
Caltura . . .	6 35 0	80 1 0	Approximate.
Pantura . . .	6 44 0	79 57 0	<i>Id.</i>
Mt. Livinia House.	6 49 56	79 54 57	By bearing and measured distance from Colombo.

The officers of her Majesty's navy and the masters of merchant vessels are earnestly requested to forward, under cover to the Colonial Secretary, any information they may collect, which can tend to increase the accuracy, or extend the limits of the preceding table.

Bearing of Adam's Peak from Colombo S. 78° 59' E.

" " Galle N. 18 47 E.

" Galle variation 1° 16' 5 E.

### Appendix to MESSRS. ISENBERG and KRAPP'S Journal.

#### III.—Routes in Abyssinia and the neighbouring Countries, collected from Natives. By Dr. C. TILSTONE BEKE.

[The difficulty of collecting satisfactory results from half-civilised people, and the errors occasioned by reports misunderstood, have long been a bar to the progress of our geographical knowledge with respect to countries of difficult access: the very judicious method, therefore, of avoiding such errors, adopted by Dr. Beke, and explained in the following extract from one of his letters, is well worthy of the attention of travellers.—ED.]

" In order to obtain information I adopt the following course: I inquire, first, the time the caravan is going from one extremity